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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	KHEMAKHEM	Examiner:	HYEON, HAE M.
Serial No.:	10/775,759	Group Art Unit:	2839
Filed:	FEBRUARY 9, 2004	Docket No.:	2316.1825US01
Title:	PROTECTIVE BOOT AND UNIVERSAL CAP		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

The Information Disclosure Statement dated March 9, 2004 has been returned to the Applicant with all of the references initialed by the Examiner except for one: Canford Audio, Online Product Catalog, 2 pages (Undated). This reference has been crossed off by the Examiner due a lack of a date being associated with the reference. The Applicant respectfully notes that, in the Information Disclosure Statement of March 9, 2004, this reference had been admitted as prior art as of the date of filing of the application (please see the statement of March 9, 2004, a courtesy copy of which has been submitted for the Examiner's review). The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this reference.

In addition, the reference, DE 3735038 A1, which had been submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 28, 2005, is being resubmitted herewith with an English translation. Reconsideration of this reference in view of the English translation is respectfully requested.

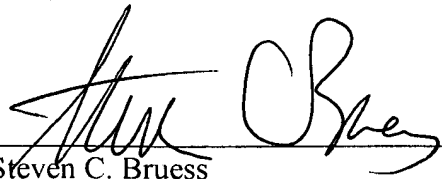
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	37 35 038 A1	04/27/1989	DE			X	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Canford Audio, Online Product Catalog, 2 pages (Undated)

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EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.	